31st August 1961] [Sri C. Subramaniam]

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Madras Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 36 of 1961) be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS—*cont.*

(2) THE MADRAS OCCUPANTS OF KUDIYIRUPPU (PROTECTION FROM EVICTION) BILL, 1961.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Governor has given his recommendation for the consideration of the Madras Occupants of Kudiyiruppu (Protection from Eviction) Bill, 1961, in the Legislative Assembly.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(2) THE MADRAS OCCUPANTS OF KUDIYIRUPPU (PROTECTION FROM EVICTION) BILL, 1961 (L.A. BILL NO. 27 OF 1961).

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I beg to move—

"That the Madras Occupants of Kudiyiruppu (Protection from Eviction) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1961) be taken into consideration."

Sir, the land-owners in anticipation of the legislation for the imposition of a ceiling on agricultural land-holdings were disposing of their lands, on a large scale. In order to facilitate such disposal, they were also evicting from their kudiyiruppus, the agriculturists and agricultural labourers occupying them. The Government considered that such large scale eviction would lead to agrarian unrest and should be put an end to. The Government accordingly included necessary provisions in the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Bill, 1960 for giving temporary protection from eviction to occupants of kudiyiruppu. The Joint Select Committee to which the Bill was referred, considered that a separate Bill giving protection from eviction to occupants of kudiyiruppu for a period of three years should be brought forward immediately and that comprehensive legislation in regard to occupants of kudiyiruppus should be undertaken after a detailed examination as to what permanent rights should be conferred on them. Accordingly, the provisions relating to kudiyiruppu in the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling of Land), Bill were omitted. Pending the comprehensive legislation, it has been decided to give temporary protection from eviction to persons who were occupying kudiyiruppu on the 31st March 1959. In cases, where such persons have already been evicted or evicted hereafter, the Bill seeks to give them right to restoration of possession of the kudiyiruppu. The proposer Act will be in force for a period of three years.